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- 1. FURTHER TO OUR COMMENTS IN REFTEL TWO, WE HAVE DISCUSSED OPERATIONS OF E.C. LENNING (PTY) LTD, WITH WILLIAM HOADLEY, GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR AND RFPITCHFORD, MARKETING MANAGER, ON THE BASIS THAT WE WERE UPDATING OUR WTDR IN REFERENCE THREE.
- 2. PITCHFORD INFORMED US AND HOADLEY CONFIRMED THAT LENNING HAS A LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH TAMPER, INC, OF COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE MANUFACTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA OF CERTAIN HEAVY BALLAST TAMPER COMPONENTS WHICH ARE ASEMBLED IN THE GROUP, (THE OVERALL GROUP CONTROLS FOUNDRIES, METAL FABRICATING SHOPS, DISTRIBUOTRS AND AGENCIES) AND SOLD ON A TENDER BASIS TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS AND HARBORS (SAR&H). HOADLEY NOTED THAT THE LICENSING AGREEMENT IS AN "ARMS LENGTH RELATIONSHIP" THAT HAS BEEN WORKING SMOOTHLY FOR SOME TIME. FYI (AS NOTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN OUR WTDR) THE FIRM IS WHOLLY OWNED BY ANGLO-AMERICAN, THE GIANT SOUTH AFRICAN CONGLOMERATE.

3) ALSO FYI, THE SAR& H WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE BOTSWANA AND RHODESIA RAILWAYS BOTH IN TERMS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLY AND THUS IT MAY BE THAT EQUIPMENT PURCHASED ON A TENDER BASIS BY THE SAR&H FROM SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPLIERS

WOULD FIND ITS WAY INTO THE RAILROAD SYSTEM OF BOTH OF THOSE COUNTRIES.

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